

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tiverton Recycling/landfill Committee

Thursday November 19, 2015

Town Hall, 343 Highland Road

Members present: Stephen Berlucchi, Steven Rys, Richard Guimond, Richard Hart, Jay Lambert, Jeff Belli

Guest ; Susan Gill, John Palmieri

- **Approved minutes**
- **The committee heard from John Palmieri of Altus Power. Altus designs, build and sells solar energy. They have major projects all over the country and are funded by the Blackstone Group a private equity firm based in Greenwich Connecticut. John was looking for town owned property that his company could potentially develop. John explained to committee that his company offers many different pay back options and could tailor a plan to suit each municipality. John used an example of a three acres solar array could yield the town 100,000 dollars a year. Since federal tax credits expire at the end of 2016 any project needs to be completed and operational by that time. This leaves landfill property out of consideration at this time. Committee offered John many suggestions and possible site locations including school property and the two Fire Districts. S.Rys will forward contact information to John.**
- **Susan Gill was following up from previous meeting about possible recreational use at landfill after closing. The DEM is supportive of this use and has granted money to develop recreational uses in other communities in the state. Susan would like to begin looking at options for using property including building gravel walking paths on landfill property and turn a liability to an asset. This property borders both Pardon Gray and Weetemoose woods and would offer great opportunities for recreational use. S. Berlucchi will look for grants from DEM. Landfill Committee unanimously supports Susan and the recreational committee effort.**
- **The recycling center relocation is still up in the air. A possible location is behind the power station at the Industrial Park**

- Pare engineering is preparing a report to be submitted to J. Edwards for legislation to get extension on landfill height. An aerial fly over to survey landfill will map heights and report will determine what height will be needed to raise enough money to close landfill. R. Hart raised concern for water quality if expansion were to occur. Richard noted recent water quality test have shown raised levels of toxicity in water test. S Berlucchi will ask Pare engineering to show any impact an increase in height will have on water quality.
- Recycling continues to be steady at 2000 tons a year. The trash bag revenue has increased from average of 35,000 dollars a month to 48,000 dollars.
- J. belli inquired about status of recycling totes. Town Council will award bid at next meeting. DPW will start accepting signups for totes the following day
- adjourn

Minutes prepared by Steven P Rys

